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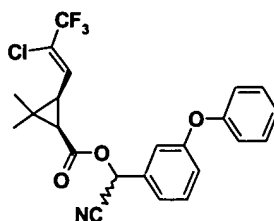
Claim 1. (Original): A process for the preparation of gamma-cyhalothrin comprising a) chlorinating 1R *cis*-Z 3-(2-chloro-3,3,3-trifluoro-1-propenyl)-2,2-dimethyl cyclopropanecarboxylic acid to give 1R *cis*-Z 3-(2-chloro-3,3,3-trifluoro-1-propenyl)-2,2-dimethyl cyclopropanecarboxylic acid chloride; b) esterifying 1R *cis*-Z 3-(2-chloro-3,3,3-trifluoro-1-propenyl)-2,2-dimethyl cyclopropanecarboxylic acid chloride with 3-phenoxy benzaldehyde in the presence of a source of cyanide to form a diastereoisomeric mixture of 1R cyhalothrin isomers and c) epimerising the diastereoisomeric mixture under conditions in which the least soluble diastereoisomer crystallises from solution.

Claim 2. (Original): A process according to claim 1 wherein the source of cyanide is an alkali metal cyanide, especially sodium cyanide.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein steps b) and c) are combined in a one pot process.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended): A semi-batch process according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ where between 1% and 90% of the one batch from step c) forms the basis for nucleation and crystallization of the following batch in step c).

Clam 5. (Original): A compound of formula (II)



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